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1. ON JAN 10, PARTICIPANTS IN GROUP OF LANGUAGE EXPERTS
WERE SUMMONED INDIVIDUALLY INTO PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT GRABER,
SECRETARY-GENERAL HUMBER, AND AMBASSADOR BINDSCHEDLER TO BE
TOLD AND QUESTIONED ABOUT WHAT GRABER EMPHASIZED WAS FINAL
SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

2. BAXTER WAS INFORMED OF HOPE OF GOS THAT UPON OPENING OF
CONFERENCE ON MARCH 17, RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH
PARTICIPANT STATE WOULD BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANCE WHILE DRAFTING COMMITTEE IS
MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER US PREPARED TO
SEND SUCH REPRESENTATIVE, BAXTER REPLIED THAT HE WAS
NOT AWARE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE BY US, BUT
TRUSTED US COULD HAVE SUCH PERSON PRESENT. HE SAID THAT
HE KNEW THE US ALREADY ENGAGED IN VARIOUS BILATERAL AND
PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

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3. GRABER SAID THAT HE WAS CONTEMPLATING CHANGE IN
PROCEDURES OF COMMITTEES, SUCH AS ELIMINATION OF SUB-
WORKING GROUPS, LIMIT ON LENGTH OF INTERVENTIONS,
PRESCRIBED TIMETABLE FOR WORK, ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE
WORKING GROUP ON FINAL ARTICLES AND RESERVATIONS.
BAXTER RESPONDED THAT COMMITTEE III IS IN RATHER GOOD

POSITION AND THAT MAJOR PROBLEM OF COMMITTEE IN FORM OF ARTICLE 42 WILL HAVE TO BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN MORE TALK IN COMMITTEE. BAXTER THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REALLOCATE SOME ARTICLES FROM COMMITTEE I TO III, AND SUGGESTED THAT WORKING GROUP TAKE UP NOT ONLY FINAL ARTICLES AND RESERVATIONS BUT ALSO COORDINATION OF PROVISIONS ON REPRISALS, DEFINITIONS, AND FINAL ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER DRAFTING COMMITTEE COULD COMPLETE WORK BY SPECIFIED TIME IN APRIL, BAXTER REPLIED THAT THIS DEPENDED ON WILL OF CHAIRMAN AND WILLINGNESS OF MEMBERS OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE NOT TO REWORK TEXT REFINED BY SECRETARIAT AND PRESENT WORKING GROUP. A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT TEXT PREPARED FOR DRAFTING COMMITTEE OUGHT IN HIS VIEW TO BE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE.

5. GRABER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT BAXTER'S DEPARTURE IN THIRD WEEK AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE REPLACEMENT. BAXTER THOUGHT NOT, AND ALLUDED TO DEMANDS ON PERSONS IN DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT TIME. BAXTER WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY YES OR NO IN RESPONSE TO THIS AND OTHER QUERIES ABOUT US REPRESENTATION. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIRD WEEK IS EXPECTED TO BE DEVOTED LARGELY TO PROTOCOL II ARTICLES.

6. BINS DHEDLER ASKED WHETHER US WOULD REOPEN QUESTION OF ARTICLE I ON WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION. BAXTER REPLIED HE WAS NOT INFORMED ON THIS QUESTION, BUT WOULD ASK WHETHER ANY INFORMATION CAN BE SUPPLIED. PLEASE

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7. NO QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT WEAPONS COMMITTEE AND BAXTER VOLUNTEERED NOTHING ON THIS SUBJECT. CATTO

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